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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY.—" The Hon. Minister in his answer to clause (*b*) of the question said that officers are not posted on the basis of seniority alone. May I know why they are not posted in that manner? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY.—" Their merit, their record of service—all these factors should be taken into consideration."

*Revenue derived from sales-tax on gold and mill cloth.*

* 1020 *Q.*—SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the estimated revenue on account of the proposed—

(i) sales tax on gold and precious stones;

(ii) imposition of surcharge on land revenue; and

(iii) additional sales-tax on mill cloth?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER.— " (i) and (iii) The estimated revenue on account of the proposed additional tax on the articles referred to is as follows. I have made a change in the Bill. So this figure is subject to necessary changes.

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| (*a*) Precious stones and semi-precious stones .. | 2·24 |
| (*b*) Articles made of gold and silver .. .. | 9·66 |
| (*c*) Medium, fine and super-fine cloth .. .. | 168·84 |

" (ii) The estimated revenue on account of the proposed surcharge on land revenue is Rs. 7·70 lakhs."

*Construction of a calingula to Karlayakulam in Pettaikadu, Pattukkottai taluk.*

* 1021 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the pucca calingula to Karlayakulam in Pettaikadu village of Keeramangalam vattam in Pattukkottai taluk of Tanjore district was constructed;

(*b*) the cost of construction of the calingula; and

(*c*) why a new place for the calingula was chosen in preference to the original place?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The pucca calingula to Karlayakulam was constructed in November 1953 by the Food Production Engineering staff.

" (*b*) The cost of its construction was Rs. 692.

"(c) There was no calingula previously. The ryots used to cut open the bund to the required depth and drain water. A masonry wall has been constructed in place of the open cut. The original surplus course has not been altered."

*Number of elementary schools opened and closed in Tanjore after the introduction of the Modified Elementary Education Scheme.*

* 1022 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of elementary schools opened and closed in Tanjore district after the introduction of the New Elementary Education Scheme; and

(b) the reasons for the closure?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) 39 schools were opened and 10 schools were closed in the Tanjore district after the date of introduction of the Modified Scheme.

"(b) 5 (five) schools were amalgamated with other schools in the locality.

2 (two) schools were closed as they were uneconomical;

1 (one) school was closed for want of suitable and accessible school building;

1 (one) school. The manager of the school was absconding. Recognition and aid have been withdrawn as he did not turn up for a long time;

1 (one) school. Conditions for recognition and aid were not satisfied and the teacher-manager closed the school.

The closures had nothing to do with the Modified Scheme."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—"What are the reasons that necessitated the uneconomic schools to be closed?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The manager found them uneconomical and they closed the schools. Government are not responsible for it."

*Payment of house-rent allowance to road maistris.*

* 1023 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER:—"The hon. Member is not in his place. Answers will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether house-rent allowance is paid to road maistris residing in major panchayats and municipal areas and if not, why;

(b) whether they are eligible for the educational concessions allowed to the children of the Non-Gazetted officers;